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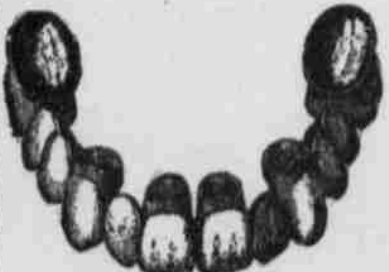
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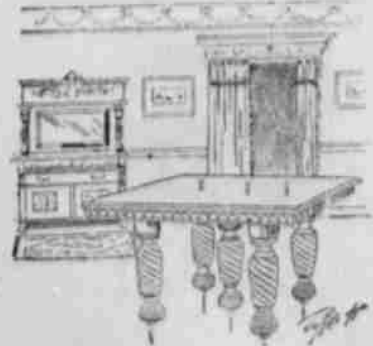
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THE BRITISH FOUGHT BRAVELY.

Their Position at the Tugela River Was Impossible.

Methuen is Very Sore and Ugly and General Cronje Refuses to Treat Further With Him--Boers Not Stubborn About Treating for Peace Under Certain Conditions--A Golden Opportunity for Our Christian President to Distinguish Himself.

British Fought Bravely.

London, Dec. 21.—No news was received from South Africa up to 3 p. m. today other than fragments and disconnected stories of past events. This silence has the natural effect of creating forebodings. The splendid patriotism of the volunteers continues to be evinced on all sides.

Belated stories from Chevelly camp, Natal, all concur in saying that the British did marvels in an impossible situation. The oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with the bravery of the men and officers. The parting message which General Lord Roberts sent to the American people is republished in London today.

The afternoon papers characterize it straight, simple words as eminently soldierly, and as having ring which it is claimed should mark the relations between the Anglo-Saxon peoples. The Queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statements that she is in ill health and perpetually weeping.

Methuen is Sore.

London, Dec. 21.—The war office received the following dated Dec. 17 from Fort-River-Walker: "Methuen reports Lieutenant Chamlos-Pal-Gelt taken prisoner while meeting a flag of truce. He was a handkerchief in response and was unarmed."

Methuen writes that he received a rude reply from Cronje respecting his representations as to Lieut. Chamlos-Pal-Gelt, saying the officer was regarded as a spy. Cronje also states he will hold no further communication with Methuen."

Boers Will Treat.

New York, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the World from Brussels says: Herr Holborn who is in charge of the Transvaal agency here was asked today what truth there is in the report that President Kruger is ready to sign a treaty of peace, if Great Britain will ask for no further privileges for Uitlanders and pay what the war has already cost the Boers. Holborn answered: "No such propositions have been formulated yet. The contingency of inviting proposals of peace would be welcome, under certain conditions. If any government desires to mediate, the South African Republic will be found ready to treat."

Boers Growing Stronger.

London, Dec. 21.—(Thursday, 4:45 a.

m.)—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so, his position is dangerous. The correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder river, last Saturday said:

The Boer position, already formidable on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of twelve miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point; guns have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful attack."

The latest dispatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. General Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. The absence of news from him has led to the surmise that he is trying to join General White by a flank movement.

The government expects the total of the yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command, with Lord Lansdale as adjutant-general. The papers are now generally joining in the free criticism of the government and the war office, as day by day fresh proofs of unpreparedness come to light.

FIGHT FIXED FOR 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—A well known sporting man it is said has offered \$50,000 to secure the Jeffries-Corbett fight for this city, and has secured an option of sixty days in which to make a satisfactory deposit.

Mail for Soldiers.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The transport Grant is scheduled to sail for Manila with the Forty-eighth infantry, colored. The postal authorities have put aboard of her three wagon loads of mail for Honolulu and the Philippines. The transport Sikh has arrived from the Philippines in ballast. She is to be released from the government service.

It is Gambling.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—A decision was rendered in a test case as to whether blackjack was a gambling game. It was contended that it was a game of skill. The court held that blackjack was gambling, and illegal.

Looks Bad.

Portland, Dec. 21.—Some time ago Henry Gallett a saloon keeper, placed in a deposit vault of the Almsworth National Bank, a package which he claimed contained \$2500 in \$20 gold pieces. When he opened the package he found it contained only silver dollars. Gallett has now brought suit against the bank to recover \$2575.

President Grieves.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president today sent the following cablegram to General Otis: "I have learned, with inexpressible sorrow, of the death of Major General



Once more the closing days of the year bring with them the season of friendly greeting and joyful human fellowship. CHRISTMAS, the day of enlarged hearts and depleted purses, is here. "What shall I give?" is the question of the hour; and a perplexing one it is. A look below may help solve the problem. A visit to our store will surely do it.

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STAGE ROBBER

ON TRIAL.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Portland, Dec. 21.—In the Alexander trial today young Ferrans, one of the prisoners who pleaded guilty, concluded his testimony. He appeared very anxious to implicate Alexander as the main instigator of the robbery, but did not show up well under cross examination.

Now Own

BY SPRECKELS.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The entire capital stock and all the bonds of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad are now the property of J. P. Spreckels & Bros. Co., having gone into their possession by an agreement with R. A. Graham, whereby all of these securities were to become the property of Messrs. Spreckels December 8 if R. A. Graham failed to redeem the securities by a payment of over \$1,000,000. The railroad in question traverses one of the most resourceful counties of Oregon, and affords an outlet for the immense coal fields of Coos county.

ANOTHER CONVENTION

Will Try Putting Up An Independence Day Ticket.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The American political league has issued a call for a national convention for the nomination of candidates for president and vice-president, to be held at Boston July 4. The councils of each state are directed to appoint two delegates at large.

AN ACTING KING

Chinese Ex-Premier Has Been "Degraded" to a High Office.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Peking, Dec. 21.—Li Hung Chang has been appointed acting vice-roy of Canton. It is believed this is preparatory to his degradation in compliance with French demands.

The British-American league of the Chicago board of trade, has called \$5000 to the chairman of the soldiers' relief committee in London, the money to be used for the relief of the families of British soldiers killed in the South African war.

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ICE WORKS

ENGINEER KILLED

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 21.—Geo. Noah, engineer of the Oregon Brewery and Ice Co.'s plant, while attempting to put on a pump belt, was caught by the large pulley running at a high rate of speed and instantly killed. Noah came from Portland.

The Christmas week closes with weather so mild that the horns and house-elves are out assailing the displays in front of grocery stores.

DISCRIMINATION

Working the Useless Old Interstate Commission

A Russian Financier Who is Wanted in His Native Land -- A Happy Christmas to the Guatemalans -- The Revolutionary "Guets" Got Left

Freight War.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Hearing was begun today by the interstate commerce commission in the matter of changes in freight classification and freight rates by carriers using a classification.

Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging discriminative changes in freight classification have been agreed upon to take effect January 1.

A Russian Sharp.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The state department has issued a warrant for the surrender to the Russian government of A. P. Shuland. He was a bookkeeper of the Wilma National bank and is said to have stolen 12,000 rubles. He was arrested in Seattle.

Congratulations.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The attempt at revolution in Guatemala has come to an end, according to the advice to the state department.

THE AUSTRALIAN

WHEAT YIELD

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Melbourne, Dec. 21.—The Argus estimates the average wheat yield of this colony at 9.37 bushels per acre the largest since 1891. The exportable surplus is estimated at thirteen million bushels.

FORTY-FIFTH

AT MANILA

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The transports Senator and Bon Mohr arrived at Manila today with the forty-fifth infantry and two batteries of the sixth artillery.

CHICAGO PLATFORM

AGAIN INDORSERD

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Baron Roger, La., Dec. 21.—At the Democratic state convention, Senator Estopial was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. Resolutions were adopted supporting the Chicago platform.

DE KONTSKI DEAD.

A Famous Pianist Who Is Well Known in Oregon.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

New York, Dec. 21.—The death is announced at St. Petersburg of Chevalier Anton De Kontski, a famous pianist.

SHE STRUCK

THINGS RICH

By Associated Press to the Journal.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Dr. Lucila Day who two years ago left here for Klondike, and whose death in a snow slide was reported later, arrived today and registered as Mrs. Edward McConnell. Mrs. McConnell "struck it rich" near Dawson and her husband owns several rich claims.

Kansas Fire.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 21.—Fire destroyed \$250,000 worth of property belonging to the Lumbermen's Company at Lansingville. The smokestack fell killing Jesse Mathews and J. B. Schaats.

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WHEAT MARKET.

Chicago, December 21.—May 8 74; cash 68 1/2.
San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Cash 98 1/2.

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